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APPROVAL OF UNDP ASSISTANCE TO A PROJECT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF INDONESIA

Book Development
(INS/78/076)

Report of the Administrator*

Date of present approval:	March 1979
Starting date of project activities:	January 1979 (under an advance authorization)
Planned completion date:	January 1982
To be executed by:	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)
Government implementing agency:	National Book Development Advisory Council
Estimated cost of assistance planned under present approval	$300 000
Source of UNDP financing:	Indicative Planning Figure (IPF)

I. Background

1. The production and use of books in Indonesia has, for some time, shown an insufficient level of development. This was partly due to Indonesia's strong oral tradition, the high tax and other levies which did not encourage the national production or the import of books and which placed the cost of books beyond the reach of the masses.

2. The Government has recently taken steps to improve the situation. The measures envisaged are far-reaching and deep, calling for a review of almost every aspect of book development in Indonesia. In order to implement this new programme a recent Presidential Decree (No. 5, 1978) has established the National Book Development Council (BPPBN). The aim of the BPPBN is to prepare and co-ordinate an over-all national policy on book development.

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II. Objectives and activities

3. The development objective of the project is to promote, encourage and develop all aspects of the production, distribution and use of books in Indonesia.

4. The immediate objectives of the project are to: assist in the formulation of policies related to all phases of book production; create a favourable climate for private and publishing companies to produce more and better books; assist existing businesses and institutions related to books, in building up information and training facilities locally and in making maximum use of overseas facilities; sponsor and support competitions and prizes for manuscripts, book design and related accomplishments; and encourage book ownership and reading habits especially in relation to national and regional development efforts.

III. Inputs

5. The UNDP contribution to the project will cover expert services in book and library development, fellowships, equipment and miscellaneous items.

6. The Government will provide technical support services and office facilities directly to the project.

IV. Financial data

7. The expenditure components of the planned assistance are as follows:

	m/m	$
Personnel	40	185 000
Training		107 600
Equipment		6 000
Miscellaneous		1 400
		300 000

8. The estimated total value, expressed in US dollars, of inputs provided directly by the Government to the project is $689,200.